

Statement*Details of forestry projects being implemented in Himachal Pradesh*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount Released/Spent during		Progress
		Eighth Year Plan	Ninth Five Year Plan	
1.	Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries	348.64	324.06	22 National Parks/Sanctuaries were provided assistance
2.	Eco Development Project	100.35	211.24	22 National Parks/Sanctuaries were assistance provided
3.	Modern Forests Fire Control Methods	39.73	100.47	In advanced stage of completion
4.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development Project	977.74	169.11	1754 ha. area covered
5.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project	627.94	515.02	21210 ha. area covered
6.	Non Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants	411.89	99.81	8273 ha. area covered
7.	Grants-in-Aid Scheme	12.43	10.06	—

Unnatural death of Saras cranes in Pali

3037. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 13 saras cranes, while they were on their way to the Jawai Dam in search of food and water, died in Pali

district in December last;

(b) if so, what were the reasons for their death; and

(c) what safeguards have been taken to avoid such unnatural death of birds?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government 12 saras cranes died in December, 2000 consuming pesticides treated seeds sown in agricultural fields.

(c) The steps taken to prevent such unnatural deaths are as follows:

(i) To avoid poisoning by pesticides, awareness is generated amongst the farmers for using Bio-pesticides and non-poisonous chemicals in their fields.

(ii) The forest field staff have been instructed to maintain vigil in sensitive areas.

(iii) The farmers have been advised to cover the soil soon after sowing.

(iv) Farmers have been advised to maintain a waterhole for use by birds.

Tripura Environment Protection Force

3038. **SHRI KHAGEN DAS:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tripura Government has sent a proposal to the Central Government for raising an armed force, viz., Tripura Environment Protection Force, for combating forest-related crimes, including smuggling of timber and other forest produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) A project proposal for strengthening of protection machinery for conservation of